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ARREST RELEASE

DATE & TIME **01/12/10 9:29 AM**

Bureau: **Investigative Services Bureau**

Authorized Supervisor: **Deputy Chief Greg Lindmark**

Phone: **815/967-6976**

Incident: **Murder Investigation**

MESSAGE

On Sunday, 07/12/09, at about 11:35 a.m. Patrol Officers from the Rockford Police Dept. responded to a room at the Howard Johnson motel, 3919 11th St., in reference to a medical assist. When they arrived they located the 28-year-old victim, **Johanna J. Kern**, who was suffering from an apparent drug overdose. Attempts were made to resuscitate Kern, however she was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Dept. conducted a follow-up investigation into Kern's death and the results were reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. As a result, charges were authorized against Kern's fiancé, **Raymond L. Ciaccio**, for his role in her death. On Friday, 01/08/10, Ciaccio was arrested on the warrant and lodged in the Winnebago County Jail. A photo of Ciaccio is attached electronically to this press release.

ARRESTED: **Raymond L. Ciaccio 43-years-old Rockford, IL**
CHARGES: **First Degree Murder**
 Drug Induced Homicide
BOND: **\$500,000**

The charges against Ciaccio are merely accusations and not evidence of his guilt. As with defendants in all criminal cases, Ciaccio is considered innocent unless proven guilty in court.

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